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To The Forum

It is with a sad heart that I write. Colchester's cemetary across from Fort Ethan Allen is a disgrace. The flag system should be replaced. Sections of the fence are in disrepair. The gate is missing. American Legion Post 91 and and the D.A.V. Cook's Ch. 5 have offered to do the repairs at no no ccost to Colchester. The offer was not accepted. Our veterans deserve to rest with respect and honor.

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**cc: Ms. Lisa Sweeny
Colchester Select Boad
Adjutant General Dubie
American Legion Post 91
D.A.V. Cook's Post 5**



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10 May 2007

Mr. Henry Boisselle
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Dear Mr. Boisselle:

Thank you for your letter of May 7. The Town's cemeteries are under the jurisdiction of an elected Board of Cemetery commissioners. Independently as Town Manager, I have toured the cemetery several times and more recently was at the Military Cemetery on the day of Marine Corporal Christopher DeGiovine's funeral.

I have discussed your letter and my confirming observations with the Select Board. We are agreed that something needs to be done. Today, I have set a plan in motion to begin improving the appearance and physical structure of the cemetery including repainting of the flag pole. Shortly you should begin seeing some visual improvements. We will also be establishing a long term financial plan to replace the fence and provide a signed and gated entrance way to the cemetery.

I am aware of American Legion Post 91 offering to paint the flag pole. I am unaware of the other offers of help and support. Although appreciative of these offers and willing to work with both these organizations to improve this cemetery, I also accept on behalf of the Town, our ultimate responsibility as a municipality to insure that our deceased veterans and their surviving loved ones know these veterans will be resting "with respect and honor."

Respectfully,

Albin D. Voegele
Town Manager

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Major General Michael D. Dubie

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